

News for Stakeholders

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Traveling Internationally with Your Pet? Contact APHIS First.

One of the most frequent questions APHIS receives from the general public is about pet travel. Pets are part of the family and people traveling internationally want to make sure they have all the necessary documentation to get their pets safely from point A to point B and back home again.

To make it easier for travelers to find the information they need, APHIS has updated its <u>Pet Travel</u> page with many useful resources. Whether you're traveling with your pet to another country or bringing them into the United States, you'll find all the information you need at: <u>http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_welfare/pet_travel.pet_travel.shtml</u>. A link is also available directly off the right-hand side of the <u>APHIS home page</u> under "Related Topics".

The United States has minimal requirements for pets traveling to other countries but the APHIS Web site provides information travelers need to ensure they understand the requirements of their destination country. You can also find an APHIS point of contact in your local area who can provide additional information.

For people bringing pets into the United States, the Web site provides detailed information about Federal requirements and provides resources for State import requirements as well. The site even provides links to the pet transport requirements for a number of airlines and links to other important sites, such as the U.S. Department of State pet travel policies.

If you plan to travel internationally with your pet, be sure and visit APHIS' <u>Pet Travel</u> page and tell your friends about it too.